



The Brexit day that wasn't
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Greetings, **TicToc readers!** Friday's almost over. Here's what's happening:

- Mueller report to be released in April
- Lyft shares surge in public debut
- The race for AI-powered drones

But first...



The U.K.'s political crisis deepens

On the day the U.K. was due to leave the EU, Parliament rejected Theresa May's withdrawal agreement for a third time — despite her offer to quit if it passed. The prime minister said the U.K. would have to find "an alternative way forward," which could include crashing out of the EU on April 12, asking for a long extension, or calling for a general election.

More:

- MPs defeated the agreement 344 votes to 286.
- May said the defeat of her strategy had "grave" implications for the country, while the European Commission said an economically damaging no-deal split is now "a likely scenario."
- May's government will now step back while Parliament tries to work out a way forward without her next week.
- Thousands of Brexit backers protested outside Parliament, blocking traffic and chanting "bye-bye EU."

More of today's headlines

President Trump threatened to close the Mexican border next week if the country doesn't stop "all illegal immigration coming into the U.S."

British indie duo Her's was killed in a car crash while traveling to a gig in California.

Cholera cases have spiked in Mozambique after Cyclone Idai caused one of the worst weather-related disasters in African history.

Venezuela agreed to let the Red Cross deliver aid, in the first admission by President Nicolas Maduro of a humanitarian crisis.

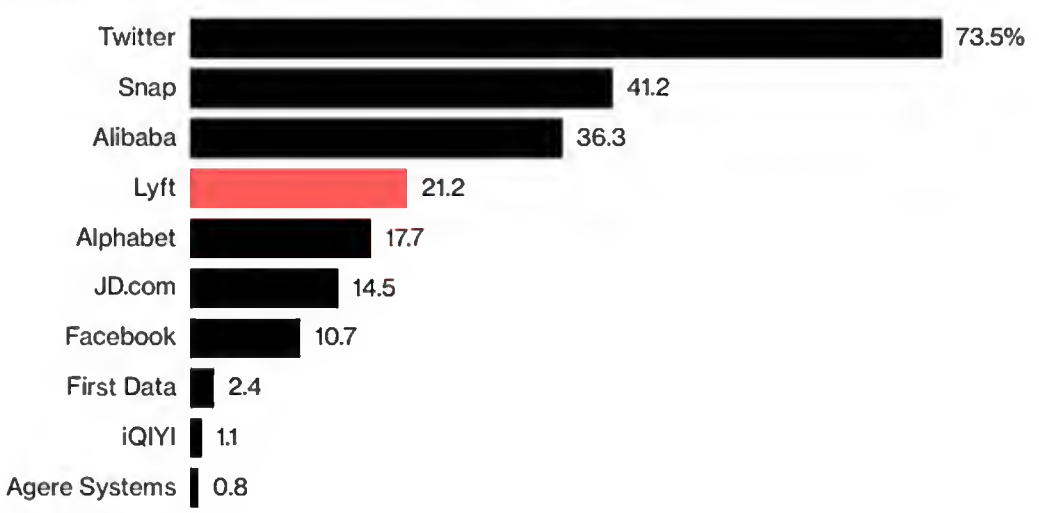
AG William Barr promised Congress the nearly 400-page Mueller report would be released, in redacted form, "by mid-April, if not sooner."

Data of the day

Debut jump. Lyft, the No. 2 U.S. ride-hailing giant, soared in its debut after raising \$2.34 billion in an IPO, sending an encouraging signal to the stampede of Silicon Valley companies lining up to go public this year.

Lyft's Ride Up

Its opening share pop ranked fourth among the top 10 U.S. tech, internet IPOs



Lean back and watch

Drive-thrus are chic once again. Chipotle, Panera Bread and others are competing for "share of stomach" by honing in on convenience.

The world's longest salt cave was discovered. The otherworldly site in Israel runs more than 6 miles long and is still growing.

France has a dead dolphin mystery. At least 1,100 have washed up on the country's Atlantic shore since January, but it's unclear why.

Listen to our podcast

Turning tides? Women directors make up a scant fraction of filmmakers in Hollywood. That vivid inequality is central to a heated gender discrimination battle and the documentary "This Changes Everything," which highlights the fight for more female voices in the entertainment industry.

Listen to today's TicToc podcast with Jennifer Zabasajja and activist, writer and director Maria Giese.

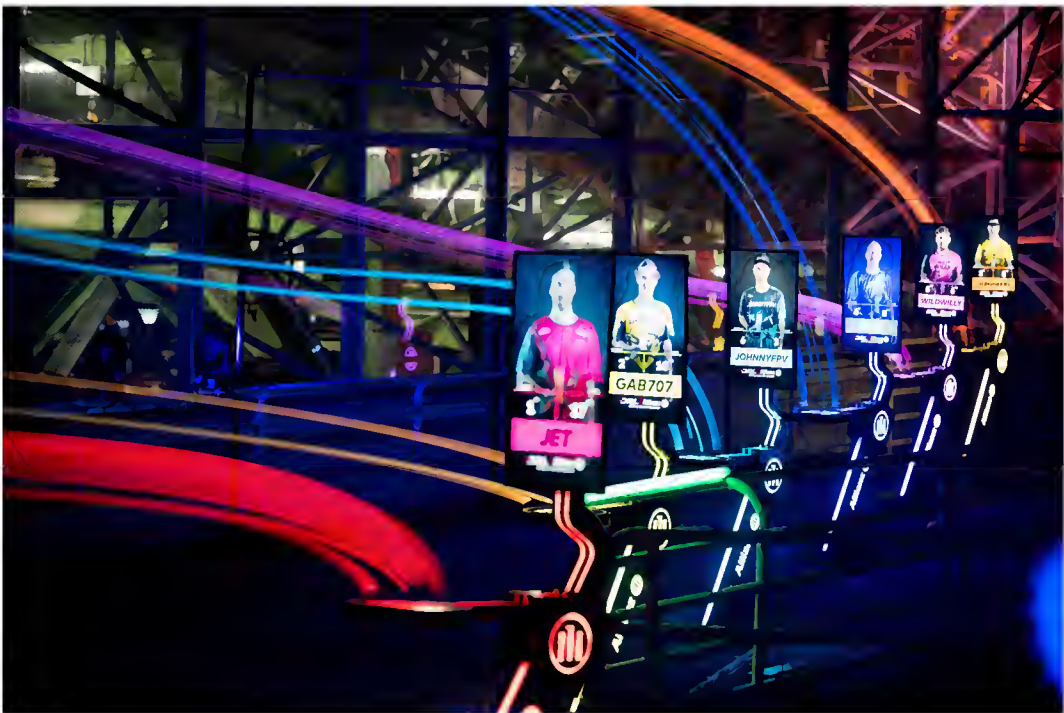


Don't miss this

Double tap to like. Heading to Art Basel Hong Kong? Your Insta followers will go crazy for pics of these exhibits.

Hopeful sight. Three critically endangered Sumatran tiger cubs ventured into public view for the first time at the Taronga Zoo in Sydney.

Human vs. AI. Programmers are racing to develop autonomous drones that can zip through obstacle courses at 90+ mph — and beat today's elite pilots.



Before you go

Coaching charisma. At the Choko Group mascot school in Tokyo, founder Choko Oohira is training the next generation of Japan's highly sought-after pro mascots. Wannabe characters learn how to dance and play in costumes — and break cultural norms in the process.



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